

In the Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13, 14, 16 and 18-20 are rejected.

Claims 5, 12, 15 and 17 are objected to.

Explanation of Amendments in the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A hose holder for a vacuum system including a vacuum head supported on an elongate rigid pipe for connection, using an elongate vacuum hose, to a central vacuum tubing system installed in a building, the hose holder comprising:

a frame comprising:

a pair of elongate rails supported spaced apart from one another by crossbars spanning therebetween; and

first and second cradles on the frame at spaced positions from one another at opposing ends of the frame, each cradle being defined by a crossbar and a pair of end portions of the rails projecting beyond the respective crossbar so as to be arranged for supporting the vacuum hose wrapped thereabout; and

~~clamp means~~ clamp members arranged for supporting the frame on the rigid pipe.

2. (currently amended) The holder according to Claim 1 wherein the ~~clamp means~~ clamp members are releasable so as to be arranged for selective separation and reattachment on the rigid pipe.

3. (currently amended) The holder according the Claim 2 wherein the ~~clamp means~~ clamp members comprise at least one spring clip including a pair of opposed jaws which are biased towards one another.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (original) The holder according to Claim 1 wherein there is provided a hose clamp suitably arranged for securement of a free end of the vacuum hose therein.

7. (original) The holder according to Claim 6 wherein the hose clamp is supported on the frame.

8. (currently amended) The holder according to Claim 1 wherein the

frame and the ~~clamp means~~ clamp members are integrally moulded together.

9. (currently amended) The holder according to Claim 1 in combination with the rigid pipe of the vacuum system upon which the ~~clamp means~~ clamp members are secured.

10. (currently amended) A hose holder for a vacuum system including a vacuum head supported on an elongate rigid pipe for connection, using an elongate vacuum hose, to a central vacuum tubing system installed in a building, the hose holder comprising:

first and second cradles arranged for supporting the vacuum hose wrapped thereabout; and

first and second clamp members arranged for supporting the respective cradles on the rigid pipe;

wherein the first and second cradles and the first and second clamp members are all integrally moulded with one another.

11. (original) The holder according to Claim 10 wherein there is provided a frame spanning between the first and second cradles.

12. (currently amended) The holder according to Claim 10 wherein there is provided a frame comprising a pair of elongate rails supported spaced apart from one another by crossbars spanning therebetween, each cradle being defined by a respective one of the crossbars and end portions of the rail rails projecting beyond the respective crossbar.

13. (currently amended) The holder according to Claim 10 wherein there is provided a hose clamp arranged for supporting a free end of the hose thereon, the hose clamp being supported on a frame spanning between the first and second cradles.

14. (currently amended) The holder according to Claim 10 wherein the first and second clamp means members are releasable so as to be arranged for selective separation and reattachment on the rigid pipe.

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method of storing an elongate vacuum hose in a vacuum system including a vacuum head supported on an elongate rigid pipe for connection, using the vacuum hose, to a central vacuum tubing system installed in a building, the method comprising:

providing a frame arranged for supporting the vacuum hose thereon;

wrapping the hose about the frame in a coil such that a pipe connecting end of the hose is supported at an inner side of the coil and a wall connecting end of the hose is supported on an outer side of the coil; and

supporting the frame on the rigid pipe.

17. (cancelled)

18. (original) The method according to Claim 16 including securing a free end of the hose on a hose clamp supported on the frame.

19. (currently amended) The method according to Claim 16 including providing ~~clamp means~~ clamp members to support the frame on the rigid pipe and securing a free end of the hose in the ~~clamp means~~ clamp members when the frame is removed from the rigid pipe for storage.

20. (original) The method according to claim 16 wherein the frame is suitably sized to support a vacuum hose greater than 25 feet in length fully within the area defined by each cradle.